

THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

Rotary



What I've Learned So Far

When I started my DG journey July 1, I was excited, a bit apprehensive, but full of high expectations. I felt relatively comfortable in the position of DG as I had been exposed to Rotary from lots of different angles during my 2 years of training. In addition, I knew that our district had many wonderful seasoned Rotarians from whom I could solicit advice. From past district governors to district leadership, everyone has been so helpful and willing to step up with suggestions or a kind word.

I have been able to visit ALL of our 34 clubs on their home turf, and I came away from each with warm feelings of welcome and a big dose of HOPE. I know that each club is doing its best to increase membership. And while our district totals are up only a net 7 members, a whopping 83 % of our clubs have posted their goals for the year and there is a level of excitement within each club for their upcoming projects and other activities, as well as a renewed commitment to Rotary Foundation giving.

As we enter the new year with much anticipation, we must also work hard to keep our eyes on the prize – continued growth and making sure that we motivate **EACH AND EVERY** Rotarian to honor their promise to support the Rotary Foundation. Our district goal this year is to raise \$100,000 for the Annual Fund SHARE and \$40,000 for PolioPlus. **If every Rotarian would pledge a minimum of \$100 to the AF and \$30 to Polio, we could easily meet that goal.**

My hope for the future of our district is that we continue to grow our clubs and to sustain the members we currently have through positive engagement. If we can do that, we can easily continue our generous advocacy for TRF.



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How Are You. . . How Are You REALLY?

As you know, RI President Gordon McNally has adopted an initiative this year that involves a focus on mental well-being. . . not only in the programs and projects within our clubs but within our personal lives.

As we move through our days. . . how often do we feel anxious, depressed? Do we seem to wander around with our eyes glued to a screen, our ears pressed against our smart phones? However, if we turn our thoughts to other things. . . things that inspire awe. . . perhaps we can temporarily step away from pressing responsibilities and world-weariness that can separate us from those little amazing experiences and return us to that child-like state of joy and awe that we seem to have left behind years ago.

Awe can be defined as "being in the presence of something vast and mysterious that transcends your understanding of the world". (Dr. Dacher Keltner, UC Berkley) Among the eight triggers of awe Keltner sites (moral beauty, collective effervescence, nature, visual design, music, life and death, spirituality and epiphanies), he omits one of the most substantial ways to trigger awe – giving back.

Giving back to others can have the same positive physical, intellectual, emotional and social benefits that those other eight triggers bring about. Doing for others does encourage a sense of community and connection as well as help relieve depression and anxiety by taking us outside ourselves. We become more energized when we connect with others. . . those near and far. Connecting to others through our acts of kindness can have a calming effect on our psyches as well as energizing us, awakening us to a higher call.

Many of us have lost the ability to feel the wonder and beauty of life because we have stepped back from immersing ourselves in the mindful, deliberate act of giving back, a pathway to regaining awe.

We live in a country of immense wealth; we do very well taking care of our own needs and those of our families. But does this condition lead us to happiness, living with that sense of awe? Many psychologists say it does not. What, then, can help lift us up?

I pose that part of the answer might lie in becoming more connected with others through benevolent giving, caring more about other people and their plight. Through living more outside ourselves, we can be reminded that we are part of something bigger.

When you volunteer. . . when you decide to do more within your Rotary world. . . you are not only a witness to other people's acts of kindness, but you will be front and center of some amazing programs and projects that can make a difference in the lives of others.

I am convinced that being a more active Rotarian through your willingness to participate in club projects or by supporting the work of The Rotary Foundation, your tensions, anxieties, distress within your own personal world might lessen. You might walk away with a big smile on your face and a heap of joy in your heart.





TO HONOR YOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**By giving a minimum of \$100 to the Annual Fund (SHARE)
and \$30 to Polio Plus Fund**

by

Valentine's Day

Show TRF that you LOVE the work they are doing
in our communities and around the world!

Ways to Give

Online: my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct

By mail: Rotary Direct, 17th Floor, Annual Giving

One Rotary Center

1560 Sherman Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201-3698

By phone: 866-976-8279

Rotarians Mourn the Passing of Past District Governor George W. Wilson III

Rotarians across District 6740 have marked the passing of a faithful servant-leader, George W. Wilson. George died Wednesday Dec. 27, 2023 after a short illness. He was 92 years old.

George, who grew up in Mayfield, KY, served over 30 years, active and reserve, as a Navy Intelligence officer, retiring as a captain.

A great believer of service and community, George was active in many service organizations. A member of the Lexington Rotary Club since 1980, George served as president of that club in 1989-90. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and led the district as its governor in 1995 – 96. George was an officer of the Central Kentucky Council of the U.S. Navy League, a member of the Kentucky Civil War Round Table and a charter member of the Southern Hills United Methodist Church.

For 34 years, George was the Executive VP of the Ky. Automotive Wholesalers Assoc. and was admitted into the American Automotive Industry Hall of Fame in 1966. George worked tirelessly for the Boy Scouts , served as the Blue Grass Council BSA president and received the highest award in Scouting, the Silver Beaver.

George is survived by his wife Natalie, three children, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many close friends.



UKRAINE: CONFLICT



On 24 Feb 2022, Russia launched a major military operation in Ukraine, representing a significant escalation of the conflict which had been ongoing in the east of the country since 2014.



Svetlana and Sergiy's home in Kharkiv was severely damaged by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The family decided to remain in their home despite being left without power or heating. They received a stove and fuel from ShelterBox to help survive the cold winter.

As of July 2023, an estimated 6.2 million Ukrainians are now living as refugees in neighbouring countries across Europe and globally, and as of May 2023, another 5.1 million are estimated to be internally displaced within Ukraine. Around half the population have been affected by the war in some way and an estimated 17.6 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, with the highest needs in Eastern Ukraine. Waves of attacks on energy infrastructure have periodically left millions of people without electricity, and disrupted water supply and heating systems. As of June 2023, Ukraine announced its long anticipated counter offensive was underway aiming to reclaim territory occupied by Russia in the east.

Since the war began ShelterBox has supported over 100,000 people who have been affected by the conflict, over five different project phases. Projects 1 to 3 provided mattresses to people sheltering in collective centres; emergency shelter kits and household items to people remaining in their damaged homes; and cash assistance and hygiene kits to refugees crossing the border into Moldova.

With the passage of time, the number of refugees in need of shelter assistance has reduced whilst the gap in provision within

Ukraine has remained widespread. Therefore, we are now fully focused on supporting people within Ukraine.

Gaps in support and the escalation of attacks on energy infrastructure during the depths of winter, prompted a decision to run a rapid winter response to run in parallel with Project 4. Project 5 focused on aid items to keep people warm rather than traditional shelter materials and had a wide geographic spread. These materials have now all been distributed.

We are now working on project 6 with our in-country partner, NNLPD (National Network of Local Philanthropy Development), which will focus on supporting internally displaced people in the western and central areas of Ukraine, as well as people who are returning to the eastern side of the county as the fighting slows down during the colder months. Project 6 builds on the knowledge and experience of previous projects and incorporates several improvements to our support package, including the local procurement of hygiene kits and holding back some stock in case of a sudden emergency (such as the Kherson Dam breach in the summer of 2023).

We will aim to support at least 18,000 people who are still living in their damaged homes with household items, such as kitchen sets, bedding, and hygiene items. Different households will receive different combinations of kits depending on needs. We are also developing a bespoke shelter package suitable for very light repairs, which could be used by people returning to damaged property in areas that have recently become accessible. As a new phase of the conflict appears to be underway, we are designing the project to be adaptable to changing circumstances. Distributions began at the start of November and will continue over 11 oblasts, concluding in April 2024. By the end of November we had reached almost 3,500 people.



The ShelterBox team delivered capacity building training, developed specifically by our learning and development team, to our partner, NNLPD in Ukraine, August 2023. The package of training focused on safeguarding, distribution mechanics, humanitarian systems, MEAL, and warehouse and stock management.

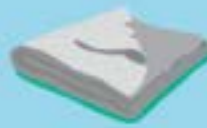
FOR PROJECT 5 WE HAVE ASSISTED MORE THAN 35,000 PEOPLE (14,000 FAMILIES) WITH:



winter clothing



solid fuel stoves



high thermal blankets



solar lights



10l water carriers

and sleeping bags to help people survive the coldest winter months.

District 6740 Thanks Its
ShelterBox Heroes

Ashland
Augusta
Covington (2)
Georgetown
Kenton County
London
Louisa
Mt. Sterling
Richmond
Russell
Somerset/ Pulaski Co.



Rotary District Governor meets with Covington club - Offers inspiring message on service, leadership By Andy Furman (NKyTribune reporter)

Jeanne Clark said she saved the best for last. Well, almost last. Perhaps that's why she was in Covington this week to address the Rotary Club at their regular Radisson Hotel luncheon. Jeanne Clark is the Rotary District Governor – a district with 1,250-some Rotarians.

"This is the 33rd club I've visited," she told the Northern Kentucky Tribune. "There are 34 Rotary Clubs in District 6740."

Clark explained District 6740 – for Rotary purposes – is geographically from Lexington and points east. And as for the Governor, well, she's been a Rotarian for 20-plus years, and was elected to her present position last January — for a one-year term — which expires, June 2024. Born in Pikeville, where she taught English and Art History at the high school for 32 years, she joined the local Rotary Club in 2003 and was elected president in 2011.



Jeanne Clark (Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

"I had the opportunity to lead a Rotary Study Exchange team to northern India in 2009," she said. "Spending a month in India opened my heart and mind to the importance of international service within Rotary."

Clark said when her husband retired in 2014, the plan was to move to Florida, "And spend my days on the beach."

Not so – Rotary pulled her back to work.

The couple moved to Lexington, and she transferred membership to the Lexington Rotary Club. In 2017, she was awarded the Rotary Serving Humanity Award and a Citation for Meritorious Service by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. And she continued teaching – but, it created a conflict in that her teaching schedule forced her to transfer her membership to the Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours. There she continues her work on international service projects.

"We meet once-a-month, after work, to unwind, and attack projects," she said.

Covington Rotary co-presidents Gil Fauber and Dave Meyer with Jeanne Clark. (Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

Now, as District Governor, her main project, she says is to support all the clubs, and serve as a resource. "I work with the leadership groups and serve as a sounding board to the district clubs."

More than that, as Governor, Jeanne Clark trains all club presidents in District 6740.

"I'll give them a thorough training course about three-months before each of them get started," she said. "It's really pretty easy for me, since I eat, drink and sleep Rotary."

**Rotary District Governor meets with Covington club -
Offers inspiring message on service, leadership
(Continued)**

She then posed this question to the assembled group: "Do you have a healthy club?" she asked. And followed with: "What makes a club healthy?"

Clark listed the Rotary Five Avenues of Service to help answer her question:

**Club Service
Community Service
International Service
Youth Service
Vocational Service**

The Covington Club was quick with answers for each. In the community, the Covington Rotary Club has made, and delivered weekly since 2020 – some 27,000 sandwiches to The Parish Kitchen. The Club does grocery shopping for those who can't get out; and they are very much involved with the Salvation Army. They had volunteer bell-ringers on the streets this season. Students in local schools were recipients of back-packs from the club; and the Youth Exchange Program has seen students study abroad thanks the work of the local club.

"Those who serve and volunteer make a club strong," Clark said. "It creates a strong foundation." Jeanne Clark did say she saved the best for last – perhaps she was right.

<https://nkytribune.com/2023/12/rotary-district-governor-meets-with-covington-club-and-offers-inspiring-message-on-service-leadership/>



Covington Rotary co-presidents Gil Fauber and Dave Meyer with Jeanne Clark. (Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

Yes, it's safe to drink the water, says ORSANCO's Richard Harrison; keeping the river safe By Andy Furman (NKyTribune reporter)

Go ahead – drink the water. It's OK. Richard Harrison says you have nothing to worry about.

Harrison is the Executive Director of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO).

ORSANCO is the water pollution control agency for the Ohio River and its tributaries. An interstate agency, according to Harrison, ORSANCO represents the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the federal government.

Harrison assured all in attendance at Covington Rotary Club meeting recently that all is fine with our drinking water.

The Ohio River, Harrison noted, has played a critical role in the industrial growth of the United States by serving as a major transportation route and providing a plentiful source of water.

"An unfortunate side effect of this growth," Harrison told the Northern Kentucky Tribune, "has been a significant pollution challenge."

By 1934, he said, the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce recognized that the deplorable state of the Ohio River was unfavorable for economic growth and the effort to establish an interstate compact to control pollution in the river began. In 1948, legislatures of member states had approved the document and the formal signing of the Compact by Governors and appointment of Commissioners from the member states took place in Cincinnati on June 30.

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) was created through the Compact to control and abate interstate water pollution in the Ohio River Basin. "ORSANCO monitors and evaluates Ohio River water quality on behalf of its member states," Harrison said. "ORSANCO helps facilitate the work of numerous stakeholders that include state and federal agencies, drinking water utilities, wastewater utilities, watershed organizations, industries and other entities."

Harrison says ORSANCO's greatest strengths and successes can be attributed to its ability to collaborate and work efficiently with the Commission's numerous partners, committees, and stakeholders.

"ORSANCO is able to complete extensive water quality programs such as comprehensive surface water quality characterization and assessment's spill monitoring and response, aquatic life and habitat monitoring and evaluation; bacterial determinations for contact recreation, and public information and educational outreach targeting underserved communities," said Harrison, a nine-year ORSANCO employee.



Richard Harrison of ORSANCO, speaking to Rotary. (Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

Yes, it's safe to drink the water, says ORSANCO's Richard Harrison; keeping the river safe (Continued)

"Basically," he said, "We work on water quality, water pollution and control. With waste on the river, we're losing a great treasure."

The Ohio River is 981 miles, from Pittsburgh to Cairo, and is the drinking water source for five million people.

The Ohio River has 160 species of fish; rich in mussels. The river has 20 locks and dams for flood control and navigation; and is a tremendous recreational water resource.

Add 42 electrical power generating plants – and let us not forget some 185 million tons of cargo is transported annually on the great Ohio.

ORSANCO programs basically include: Source Water Protection, Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment, Biological Programs (fish aquatic life), and Public Involvement Programs (Ohio River Sweep).

The Ohio River is one of the most diverse rivers in the country from an ecological perspective, Harrison pointed out – and arguably one of the most resilient.

Despite impacts from locks and dams, the river thrives; supporting fish and wildlife.

In the past 75 years, according to Harrison, the river has undergone significant water quality improvements.

So, drink up – it's safe.

<https://nkytribune.com/2024/01/yes-its-safe-to-drink-the-water-says-orsancos-richard-harrison-keeping-the-river-safe/>

Covington Rotary Club Honors Three Rotarians at Founder's Day Dinner

The Covington Rotary Club, and its working sister organization, the Covington Rotary Foundation Inc. were pleased to honor three of their most outstanding and faithful members at their annual Founder's Day Dinner. Because of individuals such as these three gentlemen (and many others over the years), much good has been done to make this world a little better place.

Hundreds gathered at the Radisson in Covington to honor the three distinguished members of the Covington Rotary Club. In attendance were many distinguished guests, including District Governor Jeanne Clark, Past District Governor John Hutchings, Kenton County Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, NKU President Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, TMU President Dr. Joe Chillo, and many others.

Co-Presidents of the Covington Rotary, Gil Fauber and Dave Meyer emceed the entire evening. Professional videos honoring each of the three honorees were played before their awards were bestowed.

All proceeds raised will fund the many grants bestowed by the Covington Rotary Foundation, Inc. This year's honorees included:

Dr. Leon Boothe, who served as the 3rd President of Northern Kentucky University, was instrumental in the monumental growth at NKU and secured Chase Law School to that institution. He served on the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and was instrumental in the formation of the National Underground Railroad Museum. Dr. Boothe was honored for his 50 dedicated years in the Covington Rotary.

Mr. John Kappas was the longtime owner of Madison Office Supply with locations in Covington, Florence, and Cincinnati. In 1968, John was the youngest president who ever served in the Covington Rotary. Mr. Kappas was honored for his 60 years in the Covington Rotary.

The Honorable Ken Harper was a 9 term state legislator and Kentucky Secretary of State under Governor Louis Nunn. Mr. Harper was instrumental in passing legislation creating NKU. He is Chair Emeritus of the Northern Kentucky University Foundation and has served on dozens of local business and charitable foundations and boards. He served as president of the Covington Rotary in 1959. Mr. Harper was honored for his incredible 70 years in the Covington Rotary.

The Covington Rotary wishes to acknowledge generous sponsorships from St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Corporex, an anonymous donation in honor of Betty & Cyril Zembrodt, and the many others who contributed gifts, gift cards, and assorted other acts of kindness. Because of the generous donations and the tireless efforts of the planning committee, the Covington Rotary will be able to continue awarding grants when need arises.



Ken Harper
70 Year Rotarian



John Kappas
60 Year Rotarian



Dr. Leon Boothe
50 Year Rotarian

Covington Rotary Club Founders Day Dinner



Left to right, Jeanne Clark, Rotary District Governor, congratulated Dr. Leon Boothe, 3rd President of NKU who was honored for 50 years as a Covington Rotarian, John Kappas, long time owner of Madison Office Supply, who was honored for 60 years as a Covington Rotarian, and Ken Harper, former state legislator and Kentucky Secretary of State, who sponsored the legislation bringing NKU into existence, was honored for 70 years as a Covington Rotarian.

A Partnership in the Works - Prospect/Goshen Rotary Club (District 6710) and District 6740

Members of the Prospect/Goshen Rotary Club (RID 6710) invited DG Jeanne Clark and RC Lexington After Hours member Vanessa Grossl to join their Play Ball Puerto Rico Christmas event in Prestonsburg on Dec. 10. A luncheon was held at Jenny Wiley State Park and was followed by an update of the ongoing projects on behalf of the Floyd Co. Schools.

Floyd Co. School Superintendent Anna Shepherd and Western Ky. University Scholar in Residence Dr. Bernard J. Strenecky expressed an interest in helping restart the Prestonsburg Rotary Club in order to form a partnership with RID 6740 in enhancing and expanding the projects sponsored by the Prospect RC. After the luncheon, the group attended a Christmas Concert at the Mountain Arts Center.



Corbin Rotary Helps With Empty Stocking Fund Christmas Event

Corbin Rotary Club president Mallory Davis reports that on December 16th, the Corbin Rotary Club, along with Southeast Kentucky Empty Stocking fund, held our Christmas program helping 627 of God's children celebrate the birth of his son. Our club members and community volunteers participated in wrapping and distributing gifts of shoes, socks, blankets, and books to every child. In addition to those gifts, 112 boys and girls ages 6 thru 8 received new bikes. Those who came with a parent were served pizza after the opening ceremony and introductions.



President Elect Lisa Kersey introduced Assistant Governor Tina Cook from the London-Corbin area. AG Tina expressed how excited our Governor would have been if she were able to attend, if not for a previously-scheduled event elsewhere.

Santa was able to spend some precious time with our little guests and some of their parents. All enjoyed having their pictures taken with Santa.



Our hosts at Immanuel Baptist Church provided an excellent facility for the Southeast Kentucky Empty Stocking Fund to display all the gifts and bikes that were purchased from donations within the community of Corbin plus a sizable grant of \$1,500.00 from Rotary District 6740 along with a \$750 gift from the Rotary Club of Corbin. Walmart Store # 1258 in Corbin was not only superb in helping us pick out the items for the gifts and bikes, but they granted the SEKESF a gift of \$4,000.00 cash.

Our super contributor, Pratts' Landscaping, was instrumental in providing almost all the funding needed to purchase the 112 bicycles. Almost all of our local banks and many local business have contributed substantially to our endeavors.

There were several businesses and individuals providing IN-KIND services and donating new toys for the children.



Corbin Rotary Helps With Empty Stocking Fund Christmas Event

The Keavy Community purchased from their local Dollar General Store many toys and small items that were awarded to our children in addition to their other gifts.

Both of our local newspapers published a listing of the numerous donors as the funds came to our bank accounts, and, almost weekly, had a "Empty Stocking" story along with the levels of donations. They are truly committed to our project.

Indeed this is and always has been a great(er) Corbin community effort now just completing its 36th successful year.



Covington Rotary Club

Food insecurity is a very real issue today in 2024, especially with the huge price increases in groceries. Those most food insecure include the elderly who often have no way to get to the grocery store, even if they do have the money to pay for their food.

Be Concerned, a social agency in Covington, provides a pantry for thousands of people to help meet their ends every month. This food is donated through many different venues in an attempt to address the food shortages of those in need.

The Covington Rotary Club meets the 3rd Thursday of every month to fill food orders of elderly shut-ins. Members have filled thousands of these orders over the last few years. After Rotary fills the orders, another volunteer group then picks up the orders and makes the deliveries.

This is one of many social outreach efforts the Covington Rotary has initiated, under the guidance of their Community Outreach Committee, chaired by Brenda Fauber. It is amazing how much can be done for others when everyone gives a little bit.

District Governor Jeanne worked with Covington Rotarians Nancy Lauer, Nancy Keathley, and Brenda Fauber to prepare 154 sandwiches for the weekly delivery (left picture). This is the 193rd week for this project, and thus far the Covington Club has provided over 27,000 sandwiches and 1872 cases of water to the Parish Kitchen, which provides a free hot lunch-time meal to anyone in the community. The sandwiches and water are given to the patrons to have for later in the day.



Left to right, DG Jeanne Clark, Rotarians Nancy Lauer, Nancy Keathley, and Brenda Fauber



Left to right, Marianne Meyer, Co-President Dave Meyer, John Vissman, Tracy Jones, Maggie Murphy, and Nancy Lauer.

Cynthiana Rotary Club Welcomes DG Clark

The Cynthiana Rotary Club welcomed Rotary District Governor Jeanne Clark to a recent club meeting. DG Jeanne Clark shared information about membership, TRF as well as updates on Rotary projects across the state and globally. The Club welcomed new member Nathan Brooks from HMM. Pictured are President Mike Fisher, DG Jeanne Clark, New Member Nathan Brooks, and Nathan's sponsor, David Asher.



Fleming Co. Rotary Participates in Flemingsburg Parade

Every year, Rotarians from the RC of Fleming Co. participate in the annual Christmas parade through the streets of Flemingsburg. From the Rotary float, members toss out hundreds of pieces of candy to children who are eagerly awaiting the appearance of Santa.



Lexington Rotary Club Finds Ways to Do Rotary Differently

The Lexington RC continues to look for new and innovative ways to do good and raise awareness of Rotary in the community, as well as provide opportunities for Rotarians to engage with one another.

One such opportunity was The Ride to End Polio. Thanks to taskmaster Jenny Schnurr for leading Rotarians and friends on a great indoor spinning ride Saturday, November 18th to raise money for the Rotary Foundation's efforts to end polio. We also want to thank CycleYou for giving us a great venue for our event at no charge. We were "joined" by nineteen Rotary clubs spread among ten states, plus one in Canada and one other international Rotary club. Everyone enjoyed having fun and raising funds!

Several Lexington Rotarians rode, and many others supported riders with donations. Raise for Rotary, <https://raise.rotary.org>, a new fundraising platform from Rotary International, made it easy for our members and supporters to contribute. Funds raised totaled almost \$3,000 and were matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation! <https://raise.rotary.org/>

Military Missions received a grant from the Lexington Rotary Endowment Fund and many members supported the folks at Military Missions to assemble care packages to be shipped to service personnel around the world during the upcoming holiday season.



The RC of Lexington After Hours Celebrates with a Holiday Dinner

Members and guests of the RC of Lexington After Hours got together the week before Christmas at the Bronte Café to share the spirit of the holiday season. After light hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served, the gang sat down to a festive table complete with favors, wonderful food and a fun "getting to know you better" game. "Cheers" were heard all round!



London Rotary Club Shares December Activities



Members working with Laurel County Shop with a Cop fundraiser



Yearly donation to London-Laurel Chamber of Commerce Foundation for Dolly Parton Imagination Library



Check Presentation to the Shriners



Donation to Come - Unity Cooperative Care for Christmas baskets



Club members participating in the CASA Knox & Laurel Counties, Inc Christmas Trivia Bowl.

Louisa Rotary Club Wishes Everyone
a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year



Club members pictured with the cast from the Beloved Charles Dickens 'A CHRISTmas Carol' play.

Representative of the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Visits Louisa Rotary Club

Thursday, December 14, 2023, the Louisa Rotary club gathered for their weekly noon meeting.

Michelle Brewer, program chair, introduced speaker Danita Kidd from the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR).

Danita shared the mission of OVR with the club which is to empower Kentuckians with disabilities to maximize independence and economic security through competitive, integrated employment.

I. Consumer Services - OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services needed to reach your vocational goal.

II. Employer Services - OVR assists businesses in hiring, developing, and keeping valued employees, providing an array of services at no cost.

III. Eligibility - An OVR counselor will perform an assessment to determine eligibility for services.

For additional information: visit website at <http://kcc.ky.gov/> Call: 606.889.1689 Email: Danita.kidd@ky.gov



Danita Kidd with
Club President Thomas Bradley



Danita Kidd from OVR

Louisa Rotary Club Partners with Local Organizations to Build Gazebo

Pictured is a gazebo that came to fruition through the efforts of multiple groups coming together. A partnership was formed that included the the county, Rotary, and Lawrence Co. Tourism. With careful planning and club members receiving financial assistance through Rotary District Grant, this project became a reality. The project began under the leadership of the late President Mike Shapaka. The gazebo is located at the Lawrence Co. Wilderness Park. It can be used for different events at the park such as weddings and other gatherings.



Pikeville Rotary Club Supports Interact



Madison Newsom, president of the Pikeville Interact Club and Greg Napier of Shelby Valley High School recently accepted a donation from the Pikeville Rotary Club.

PE Novella B. Froman is shown presenting the check. The funding will support service projects. One of the planned projects is a greenhouse project to raise vegetables that will be shared with the needy citizens.

Pineville Rotary and Interact Participate in Make a Wish at Give Kids the World in Orlando

Pineville Rotary members Joanna Foley and Terry Pannell (and their spouses) accompanied members of the Pineville Interact to Orlando Florida for the Make a Wish at Give Kids the World volunteer trip. This year the students were honored as Volunteers of the Week!



Nomination:

Pineville Interact,

The following message was received to nominate you as Volunteers of the Week. Thank you for your care and dedication to The Village.

We'd like to nominate the Pineville Interact group as our Volunteers of the Week. This group has been so helpful to us the past few days. They have done whatever asked and served with a tremendous work ethic. Their passion for volunteering and The Village is well noticed and their service is more than appreciated.

2023 Russell Rotary Citizen of the Year Award Luncheon



2024 Louisa Rotary Annual Golf Scramble

Yatesville Lake Golf Course

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Breakfast, Registration and Driving Range
- 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Shotgun Start, Best Ball
 - ◆ Conclusion Lunch, Prizes & Awards



Saturday, April 20, 2024

Service Above Self

The 4 Way Test

1. Is it the Truth
2. Is it Fair to all concerned
3. Will it build goodwill and better Friendships
4. Is it beneficial to all concerned



- Corporate Sponsors - **\$250.00**
- Hole Sponsor - **\$100.00**
- Foursome Sponsorship - **\$200.00**

Participants: Name and Phone Number

Please make checks payable to:
Louisa Rotary Club

Mail to:
Louisa Rotary Club (Ellen Taylor)
307 W Madison St. * Louisa KY 41230

(We are a non-profit 501 (3) organization)

For more information, please see:

- Greg Kiser or Skylar West @ TRMC
- Sherry Compton @ KY Farm Bureau
- Beverly Scarberry @ P&J Trailer Sales- Paintsville
- Ellen Taylor @ Taylor Chiropractic
- Brent Westmoreland @ Citizens Bank

Save the Date: Celebrate Rotary!

Save The Date

**Come celebrate the work of our 34 clubs
by being part of the**

Rotary District 6740 Conference

Saturday, May 18

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